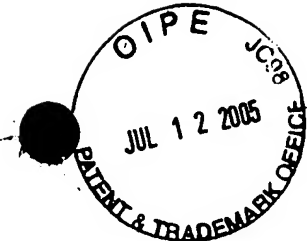


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document and an English Abstract thereof is enclosed. The concise explanation of relevance of this document is found in the English Abstract attached thereto and on page 3 of the specification.

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#### REMARKS

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is believed to be due.

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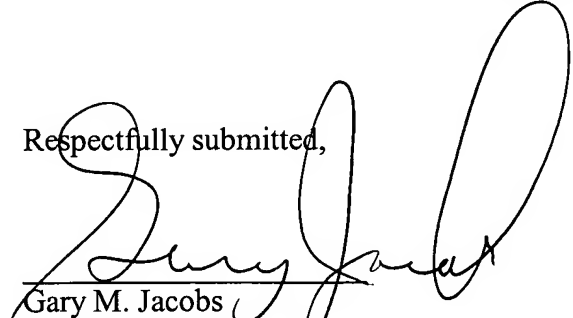
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#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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